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FOR S/S-EX

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINQER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: AIRPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS

1. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE PROBABLE LENGTH OF SECRETARY'S STOP-OVER LONDON AT HEATHROW AIRPORT.

2. BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF FACILITIES FOR PRESS TO FILE THEIR BONN REPORTS AT SOUTH SIDE VIP LOUNGE, THEY MUST BE TAKEN BY BUS TO NEARBY HEATHROW HOTEL (SEE LONDON 10432.

3. OUR EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT THIS REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF AN HOUR AND A HALF: TEN MINUTES FOR ASSEMBLING AND LOADING ON BUS, TEN MINUTE RIDE TO HOTEL, AND TEN MINUTES UNLOADING. A MINIMUM OF 40 TO 50 MINUTES IS REQUIRED FOR WRITING AND FILING OF STORIES. THEN 25 TO 30 MINUTES FOR LOADING BACK ON BUS, RIDE TO VIP LOUNGE, AND UNLOADING.

4. IN ADDITION, FOR CONCLUDING STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN SECRETARY AFTER THEIR MEETING, ANOTHER 15 TO 20 MINUTES REQUIRED TO GET PRESS ASSEMBLED, LISTEN TO FINAL STATEMENTS, TAKE PHOTOS, AND REBOARD THE PLANE.

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5. THUS, WE WOULD BELIEVE A MINIMUM OF 2 HOURS REQUIRED

ON QROUND FOR THE PRESS TO BE ABLE TO FILE FROM LONDON.

6. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO ALLOW THEM NO FILING OPPORTUNITY AT ALL. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF BONN MEETING, THIS MIGHT CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE MEDIA.

7. PLEASE ADVISE. RICHARDSON

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